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Examiner: Nabil Z. HINDI
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For : OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL PICK-UP

REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

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Sir:

On June 4, 2002, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter. Applicants note that the Examiner did not indicate consideration of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0008513 to ARAI et al., which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2002. Applicants note that while the U.S. Patents and other patent documents were indicated as being considered, the U.S. Pub. 2001/008513 was crossed off and not initialed on the PTO-1449 Form.

However, Applicants respectfully point out that the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2002 fully complied with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 and with MPEP 609. In this regard, on June 4, 2002, Applicants filed a list of all patents, publications, and applications cited, along with a legible copy of

each. In particular, the Information Disclosure Statement included a Form PTO 1449 on which U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0008513 was listed and a copy of the same. Accordingly, since the duty of disclosure, including 37 C.F.R. 1.98, has been fully complied with, it is respectfully submitted that U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0008513 must be considered by the Examiner. Further, the citation to U.S. Patent Publication NO. 2001/0008513 must be initialed on the Form PTO 1449 in accordance with MPEP 609 IIIC(2) ("Examiners must consider all citations submitted in conformance with the rules and this section, and their initials when placed adjacent to the considered citations on the list or in the boxes provided on a form PTO-1449). Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the herein contained remarks, the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2002 is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of all of the materials cited therein as soon as possible. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the space adjacent to the citation of ARAI et al. and return a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 Form to the Applicants as soon as possible.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2002, a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed therewith, a copy of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0008513, and a copy of the respective date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
at the below-listed telephone number.

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The Patent Office Date stamp hereon is an acknowledgement that, on the date indicated, the Patent Office received the following:

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09/747,969, 09/918,440, 09/962,301 & 10/107,133
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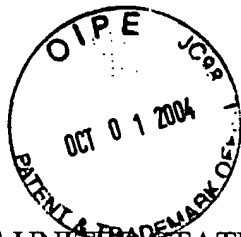
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2001-338431, published on December 7,
2001, together with its English language counterpart EP 1 102 251, published on May 23,
2001;

U.S. Patent No. 5,883,744 to MARUYAMA, issued on March 16, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,088,322 to BROOME et al., issued on July 11, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,118,594 to MARUYAMA, issued on September 12, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,191,889 to MARUYAMA, issued on February 20, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,344,935 to MARUYAMA, issued on February 5, 2002; and

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0008513 to ARAI et al., published on July 19, 2001.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/473,684 to MARUYAMA, entitled "Optical Pick-Up", filed on December 29, 1999;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/556,416 to MARUYAMA, entitled "Optical System of Optical Pick-Up", filed on April 24, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/716,291 to MARUYAMA, entitled "Objective Lens for Optical Pick-Up", filed on November 21, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/725,199 to MARUYAMA, entitled "Optical System for Optical Head", filed on November 29, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/747,969 to MARUYAMA, entitled "Objective Lens for Optical Pick-Up", filed on December 27, 2000;

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/918,440 to MARUYAMA, entitled "Objective Lens for Optical Pick-Up", filed on August 1, 2001;

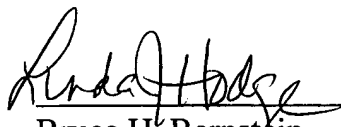
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/962,301 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Optical System for Optical Head", filed on September 26, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/107,133 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Objective Lens for Optical Pick-Up", filed on March 28, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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